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## Effective Book Review Rubric



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Characteristics of Effective Book Reviews	Advanced 4	Proficient 3	Basic 2	Minimal 1
<b>Structure and Organization</b>	Review includes: -inviting lead -detailed body - conclusion with a recommendation -2 to 3 paragraphs (160-215 words)	Review does not fully develop one of the three structural criteria.	Review does not fully develop two of the three structural criteria.	Review does not develop any of the three structural criteria sufficiently.
<b>Book Information and Format</b>	Includes all necessary book identification information clearly formatted.	Missing 1 of the following: book title, author, publisher, copyright date, number of pages, price, ISBN, and reviewer’s name	Missing 2-3 of the following: book title, author, publisher, copyright date, number of pages, price, ISBN, and reviewer’s name	Missing 4 or more of the following: book title, author, publisher, copyright date, number of pages, price, ISBN, and reviewer’s name
<b>Recommendation for Readers</b>	Recommendation refers to specific types of readers and provides detailed support.	Recommendation refers to specific types of readers without providing support.	Recommendation is vague and does not reference a specific type of reader.	Recommendation is not included, is unclear or is incomplete.
<b>Plot Summary</b>	Briefly summarizes the book’s plot in an interesting way without giving away the ending.	Briefly summarizes the book’s plot without giving away the ending.	Summarizes the book’s plot but leaves out many important elements of plot, or it gives away the ending.	Either does not include any summary or summary takes over the review.
<b>Characterization</b>	Includes thoughtful insights into the main character’s problem and emotions.	Includes basic insights into the main character’s problem and emotions.	Includes few insights into the main character’s problem and emotions.	Does not include insights into the main character’s problem and emotions.
<b>Reviewer’s Reaction and Opinions</b>	Reviewer provides many explanations of his or her reactions to the book throughout the review.	Reviewer provides some explanations of his or her reactions to the book throughout the review.	Reviewer provides few explanations of his or her reactions to the book throughout the review.	Reviewer provides no explanations his or her reactions to the book throughout the review.
<b>Themes and “Big Ideas” of the Book</b>	Thoroughly describes the main theme(s) and author’s message to show advanced comprehension of the text.	Describes the main theme(s) and author’s message to show proficient comprehension of the text.	Identifies the theme(s) or author’s message but uses minimal explanation that shows basic comprehension.	Does not identify theme(s) or author’s message in a way that shows comprehension.

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